

MINUTES
MORTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1025 MORTON, ELKHART KS
AUGUST 27, 2018

Jim called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with open doors. J.W. opened with prayer.

Present: Jim Tucker, Chairman; J.W. Finn, Vice-Chairman, Randy Bane, Commissioner; Eric Witcher, County Attorney (9:55); and Wanda Davis, Deputy County Clerk.

Minutes of the August 13, 2018, minutes were read and approved as corrected on a motion by Randy and seconded by J.W. Chris Frownfelter came to the meeting needing a signature on an annual farm program form. Jim signed the form.

2 A/P Warrant register and checks were signed. Payroll form signed also.

General	19,792.82
Road/Bridge	21,206.88
Nox. Weed	11,482.41
Airport	444.65
Employee Benefits	3,329.19
Ambulance	628.19
County Building	10,288.00
E Community	466.54
Payroll W/H	2,907.56
Civic Cntr Dep	250.00
Fire	1,524.32
Hospital	
Extension Co.	
Library	
Spec. Ec/Dev	750.00
911	734.78
Mental Health	15,750.43
Emerg. Prep	
Totals	89,555.77

Rhianna came to the meeting at 9:45 a.m. for the **Local Public Board of Health**. Randy made a motion and J.W. seconded for an executive session for 5 minutes for attorney client. Meeting called back to open session at 9:50 a.m. No action taken.

At 10:00 a.m. Tausha came to the meeting. She presented to the commissioners the reports for monthly collections and runs/transfers.

Tausha asked the commissioners to consider adjusting the weekend incentive hours from 60 hours to 48 hours to help with scheduling. Commissioners recommended she try this.

Tausha presented the commissioners with a resignation letter from Stephanie Fink, effective 10/1.

Then she presented a letter of resignation for herself, effective in 2 weeks.

After much discussion the commissioners told Tausha they would think on this and have her come back later to further discuss how to proceed.

Shelby Ralstin came to the meeting at 10:20 a.m. She presented a bid from Marathon Engineering Corporation for remodeling the padded cell. The bid was \$16,233.00. Shelby explained the reason and need for the remodel. After discussion, the Commissioners asked Shelby to get at least one more bid from another company.

Dana then came to the commissioners asking if the County would consider letting some of his employees work on their Fridays or Saturdays to earn comp time. Commissioners said they do not like scheduled comp time and don't know what the labor laws would say about this. Several employees are either running low on personal leave time or have none left or built up. Commissioners were in agreement the employees should be more mindful of their personal leave.

J.W. mentioned a call he had received from Shelby regarding weeds. Dana said he had talked with Shelby and the weeds have been mowed. There are no concrete answers as to who owns this particular property at County Road 10 and U.S. 56. Dana had called the railroad and they are ok with the road department digging out the dirt/sand. The Commissioners gave the ok to proceed.

Dana and Bob will be out of the office next week to finish the level 1 Roads Scholar program.

With all the rain, the mowing continues.

Dana is waiting for Stevens County to make asphalt, so he can finish the patching.

Supervisors came to the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Present were: Shelby, Dusty, Rhianna, Tracie, Stephanie, Vicki, Chris and Dana.

Vicki reported the State digital license plates are up and going. Her office has processed several of them. The delinquent tax list has been published and is pretty much the same as last year.

Stephanie said her office is ahead \$2,000 as compared to last year. Forty-five documents had been recorded last month. Houses are not moving very well. She had been to a school in Wichita last week.

Tracie has been busy getting the District Court server installed and working out the kinks. She will begin on the desktops next.

School immunizations and physicals are keeping the Health department busy. Rhianna has been working with the new school nurse. Rhianna has investigated two animal complaints.

Dusty reported all radios for mutual aid are in and he is getting them programmed. Weeds have been sprayed at the airport. An inspection had been done by the FAA and the report should be coming soon.

The Law Enforcement Office has been busy with back to school and also with cattle and horses being out on the highway. Shelby said skunks are out and about. Randy told her of an incident of dogs running out in the country.

Dana reported they have been busy mowing and patching roads. His crew is also busy working the county roads since there has been a lot of rain.

Chris and his crew have been busy spraying weeds and covering trash. Eric has been busy working with Shelby.

Wanda reported the election is over. Everything has been boxed up and put away.

All of the commissioners complimented the supervisors about how the good work that everyone does on a daily basis helps them to do their jobs. Thanks for all the good work!

J.W. provided scones from the new coffee house to the supervisors before they left the meeting.

Chris informed the Commissioners that he has scheduled the 5 year planning committee and will meet with them on September 24th. He will publish this in the paper this week.

Chris has talked to Foley and told them he will not be purchasing the previously talked about machine (953C) from them. They had dropped the trade-in in half. He has talked to Warren Caterpillar and they can sell used equipment and service it on site. If parts are needed he can get them in Guymon. If the machine needs to go to them for service they will need to take it to Dalhart. Chris requested to attend the annual SWANA meeting in Mulvane. The Commissioners agreed to this.

Todd will be going with Dana tomorrow to attend maintenance training.

The weed department chemical inventory is getting low. There are enough products for the County use but not much to sell to public.

Chris requested to continue to use the pickup. Consensus of the commissioners was to continue.

J.W. made a motion and Randy seconded to enter into executive session for personnel at 11:35 a.m. Returned to open meeting at 11:40 a.m. No action taken.

A voucher to Foley regarding the 953C was discussed. Chris said the additional charges were for rollers on the front and filter change.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00 p.m. Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Rod Hay of Hay, Rice and Associates came to the meeting to discuss the audit he had done at the Health department. He had handouts for the Commissioners. No abnormalities were found. The budget will be close and they should have enough money to get them through the end of the year.

The Commissioners asked Rod about the EMS budget and personnel. Rod said he would get with Gina tomorrow to discuss this.

Two bids were given to the Commissioners for the Ford Taurus. There was quite a difference in the bids. They asked Greg to talk to each of the businesses giving the bids to clarify why there was such a big difference.

Boaldin Electric & Refrigeration presented three recommendations for the 15 ton heat/cool replacement. After discussion it was decided to go with option #1 with the bid being \$27,000 to \$30,000 with J.W. making the motion and Randy giving a second. Described installation will be with Trane brand equipment.

Rhianna came back to the meeting at 2:30 p.m. to review the audit report. After a lengthy discussion, the Commissioners said there needs to be an increase in revenue or salaries may need to be decreased. Rhianna said she has challenged herself to increase revenue and get the numbers back up.

She had a meeting with Rodney from the hospital last week and it went well. The communication has been better with hospital staff.

The Commissioners discussed the EMS personnel again. They advised the clerk's office to begin advertising for a full time EMT on a motion by Jim and a second by J.W. They planned a special meeting for August 30, 2018, with Tausha.

On a motion by J.W. and a second by Randy, meeting was adjourned by 3:35 p.m.

Jim Tucker, Chairman

JW Finn, Vice-Chairman

Randy Bane, Commissioner

Attest:

Gina Castillo, County Clerk